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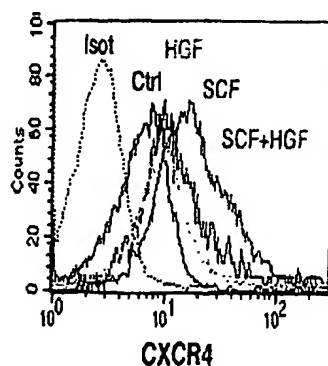
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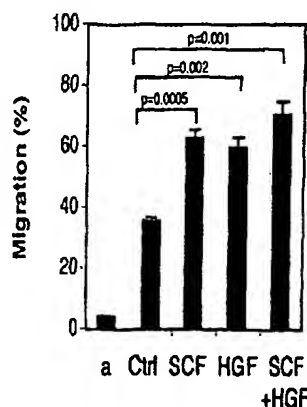
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(54) Title: STEM CELLS HAVING INCREASED SENSITIVITY TO A CHEMOATTRACTANT AND METHODS OF GENER-  
ATING AND USING SAME



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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to stem cells which exhibit increased sensitivity to a chemoattractant and, more particularly, to methods of generating and using them such as in clinical applications involving stem cell transplantation.



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This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

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1. claims: 1-18, 36-46, 56-70

Methods of increasing the sensitivity of stem cells to a chemoattractant, relating to the use of hepatic growth factor (HGF).

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2. claims: 19-35, 71-74

Methods of treating a disorder requiring cell or tissue replacement by providing HGF.

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3. claims: 47-55

Stem cells and cell lines comprising nucleic acids encoding HGF.

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